

the negotiating table that yielded the Iran Nuclear Agreement that prevents Iran from ever attaining a nuclear weapon. And of course, as the world knows, because of President Obama's leadership, General Motors is alive, and Osama Bin Laden is dead.

President Barack Obama represented our country with grace, integrity, honor, and distinction. He provided consolation, hope, and healing in the face of unspeakable tragedies such as the massacre of innocent children at Sandy Hook, worshippers at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, spectators at the Boston Marathon, and mass shootings in Aurora, Colorado and Tucson, Arizona. He expressed and symbolized our joy and pride in the progress made over the last half century—and the distance we still have to travel—when he marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and addressed the multitude from the spot on the steps where Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. shared his dream for America's future.

It is clear beyond doubt that President Obama kept the promise he made to the nation seven years ago on that cold day in January when he said:

"Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real . . . . But know this America: They will be met."

They were more than just met; under his leadership they were overcome with amazing grace. And because of President Barack Obama, when he left office the United States was stronger, more prosperous, and better positioned than ever to win the future. As a presidential candidate in 2008, then Senator Obama promised the America people "change you can believe in."

In office, President Obama made good on that promise, delivering positive change that the American people can see and feel. And that is what makes his one of the most consequential presidencies in American history. I wish President Obama a happy birthday, and thank him for all he did in leading our country to a new era of greatness.

CONGRATULATING BILL HAGER  
FOR BEING NAMED 2021 U.P. VET-  
ERAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize retired Master Sergeant C. William "Bill" Hager as the 2021 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. His continued service on and off the battlefield, his dedication to fellow veterans, and his devotion to our local Michigan communities make him a well-deserving recipient of this distinguished award.

The U.P. Veteran of the Year is chosen annually by a selection committee consisting of past commanders of various service organizations throughout the Upper Peninsula. It recognizes Yooper veterans who go above and beyond in their service to their local communities and fellow veterans.

A native Yooper, Bill was born and raised in Iron River and has stayed a longtime resident of the U.P. During his military career, Bill served in both the U.S. Navy and U.S. National Guard, where he was decorated with numerous awards which include but are not

limited to the Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. His service to his fellow veterans has not wavered as he continues to be a life member of the DAV, American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America, and AM Vets where he continues to advocate. The impact of his service on his fellow Michiganders cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Bill Hager for his decades of service to fellow Michigan veterans and for being named the 2021 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless and devoted individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Bill all the best in his future endeavors.

### RECOGNIZING COACH BOB SEPULVEDA

### HON. YVETTE HERRELL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge Coach Bob Sepulveda. Bob is a 1954 graduate of Goodwell High School in Goodwell, Oklahoma, where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. He then attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University, earning his B.A. degree in History in 1958, while also lettering in football and track.

Bob's coaching career began in 1960 in Telluride, Colorado, where he served as head basketball and track coach and assistant baseball coach. His 1964 basketball team won the Mountain League District Class A Championship and placed second at the Western Colorado Regional Class A tournament. He also helped coach the 1964 Telluride High School baseball team that won the Class A State Championship.

Taking his coaching career on the road, Bob moved to Alamogordo, New Mexico, in 1964, where he coached both track and football for 32 years. In 1969 he was named head track coach and then head football coach in 1971.

During his 27 years as head track coach his teams won more medals for Alamogordo than any coach in its history.

19 District Championships, 5 State Championships, 1 second place finish, 5 third place finishes, 170 Invitational Track meet wins, and 102 first place medals at the State Track Meet showcase Bob's dedication to the team and the athletes.

Under Bob's coaching, several student athletes went on to become NCAA Champions, some establishing records that still stand today. Three of his athletes even went on to the Olympic trials.

If his record alone wasn't a testament to Bob's coaching abilities, he has also received numerous awards during his tenure at Alamogordo High School. He was selected as New Mexico Coach of the Year for boys track in 1982, 1991, and 1996 and received the NHSACA Region 8 Coach of the Year in 1982, 1991, and 1996. He was also named the NFSHSA Section 6 Coach of the Year in 1991 and 1996 and was also awarded, along with his wife Marilyn, the New Mexico High School Coaches Association Level IV Coaching Milestone ring in 1989 and was inducted

into the Alamogordo Tiger Hall of Fame in 1988. He also served on the Board of Directors for the New Mexico Track and Field and Cross-Country Association and was the President of the Association from 1991 through 1992.

In a fitting act of recognition for his lifelong dedication and achievements, the Board of Education of the Alamogordo Public School District voted to name the Alamogordo High School Tiger Stadium Track in honor of Bob Sepulveda. A public celebration and official public christening will take place on September 3, 2021.

### IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY PHIL- LIP CAMPAS OF THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPART- MENT

### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the Deputy Phillip Campas who passed away in the line of duty on July 25, 2021.

Deputy Campas began serving the Kern County Sheriff's Department in February of 2016. He held a variety of positions within the department including patrol deputy, recruit training officer, and SWAT team member. He provided firearms training and mentoring for all armed staff. In addition, Deputy Campas served the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008. His commitment to protecting the Kern County community and the citizens of the United States was unwavering and a true sign of heroism.

Deputy Campas demonstrated great courage and bravery while protecting the residents of Kern County. During his final mission, Deputy Campas lived up to his reputation of fearlessness in his rescue efforts and leaves behind a legacy of incredible dedication and selflessness. The Kern County Sheriff's Department and his entire community mourns this great loss.

Deputy Campas is survived by his wife Christina, his two daughters, and his stepson. He is remembered as a hero of Kern County, a true public servant, and a beloved member of his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Deputy Sheriff Phillip Campas.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 249.

# INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMISSION HOME RULE ACT

## HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Zoning Commission Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to appoint all members of the D.C. Zoning Commission (Commission). Currently, the Commission consists of two federal officials (the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) and the Director of the National Park Service (NPS), or their designees), and three mayoral appointees, subject to D.C. Council approval. The federal officials are members even though the Commission has no authority over federal property.

Land use is a quintessential local matter in our country. Despite the D.C. Home Rule Act, which gave the District jurisdiction over its local matters, 40 percent of the members of the Commission are federal officials, who are unaccountable to the more than 700,000 residents who live in the District. The federal government would lose nothing as a result of this bill because the federal government's land-use interests in the nation's capital are protected by federal law and federal agencies.

The Commission creates the zoning maps and regulations, which must "not be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan for the national capital." The mayor is responsible for the local elements of the comprehensive plan, subject to Council approval. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), which is the central federal planning agency for the federal government in D.C. and approves federal projects here, is responsible for the federal elements of the comprehensive plan. This bill would not alter the comprehensive plan process or the authority of NCPC and the Commission.

This bill would immediately remove the AOC and the Director of the NPS from the Commission, and the Commission would, at least initially, consist solely of the three mayoral appointees. The District would have the authority to reconstitute the membership of the Commission through local legislation.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

## FAREWELL TO MAJOR BRITTANY WEIGHTMAN

## HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Mr. BROWN. Madam Speaker, today I honor a superb leader, liaison and soldier for her tireless commitment to the United States Army which include three years of service with the Army Office of the Legislative Liaison. During 2019, Major Brittany Weightman served in the Washington office of the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland and went on to serve as an Army Legislative Liaison in the Senate. As Major Brittany Weightman prepares to go to the Defense Programs Support

Activity, in Elkridge, Maryland, I believe it is fitting to recognize her dedication to fostering the relationship between the U.S. Army and Congress.

Major Weightman was essential to the office. She worked to solidify important legislation in the National Defense Authorization Act, proved invaluable in educating Members and staff on Army combat systems, modernization programs, and policy initiatives.

Major Weightman has deployed three times: twice to Iraq and once to Afghanistan. She is the recipient of the multiple Bronze Star Medals, Combat Action Badge, Meritorious Service Medals, and many other deserved awards.

I am thankful for her commitment to America and this Chamber will feel Major Weightman's absence. I join many past and present Members of Congress in my gratitude and appreciation to Major Weightman for her outstanding leadership and unwavering support.

## HONORING JEFFREY J. JACOBSON

## HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Master Sergeant Jeffrey Jacobson, who had an accomplished military career in the United States Air Force and was an upstanding community member in California's 5th Congressional District.

Born in Vallejo, Calif. and raised in Napa, California, Senior Master Sergeant Jacobson rooted himself in bettering our community from the start. After graduating from Napa High School in 1984, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served for 26 years, retiring in 2011 as the First Sergeant of the 48th Security Forces Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England. In addition to serving overseas in multiple countries, he pursued a degree in criminal justice at Minot State University and then a Master of Arts in adult education from Central Michigan University.

Senior Master Sergeant Jacobson's service can only be described as that of a true American patriot. In his deployments to Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Afghanistan, he supported Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He was best described as being rooted in the Air Force's core values of "Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do." For his outstanding character and strong leadership, he was named the 31st Fighter Wing and the United States Air Forces in Europe First Sergeant of the Year for 2005, and the 48th Fighter Wing First Sergeant of the Year for 2009.

After serving in the military, Senior Master Sergeant Jacobson was a devoted educator in retirement, and an incredibly loving family man. He founded Heritage High School's Air Force Junior ROTC Program in Brentwood, California, where he served as the Aerospace Science Instructor. He also served as Post Commander of Karl H. Kreh Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1123 and supported the Veterans Home in Yountville, California. He is survived by his two daughters, Elizabeth and Rebecca, and life partner, Charlein, for whom he was a supportive and loving family member.

Madam Speaker, Sergeant Jacobson was a larger-than-life leader in the community, in the military, and in the classroom. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor his life here today.

## HONORING RAY DiPASQUALE AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ray DiPasquale at the conclusion of his role as president of Clinton Community College.

President DiPasquale has dedicated his long and distinguished career to higher education. Before coming to Clinton Community College, he previously served as president of the Community College of Rhode Island and held positions at the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, the SUNY College at Brockport, Springfield Technical Community College, and Middlesex Community College. After a nationwide search, he was selected as the new president of Massasoit Community College, where he will work following his departure from the Clinton Community College.

President DiPasquale has been with Clinton Community College since 2016, where he oversaw \$28 million of campus renovations and the creation of the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing, both of which will benefit students at the college for years to come. The North Country is proud of the work he has done for Clinton Community College throughout his over four years of service and are grateful for the strong partnerships and friendships he developed with the local community.

President DiPasquale has shown exemplary dedication to the students and faculty at Clinton Community College and has represented the North Country well. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate president DiPasquale for his contributions to the college and the community. I wish him the best of luck as he takes on his new role.

## CELEBRATING THE 59TH ANNUAL EAST COAST SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 59th anniversary of Virginia Beach's own East Coast Surfing Championships (ECSC). After successfully holding its 2020 competition with safety guidelines in place, the ECSC is now the longest-running surfing championship in the world.

The ECSC was founded in 1963 by the Virginia Beach Jaycees, a leadership training and community involvement organization dedicated to empowering young people. Every year, the ECSC invites surfers from across the United